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"METHOD, SYSTEM AND PROGRAM PRODUCTS FOR SERIALIZING  
REPLICATED TRANSACTIONS OF A DISTRIBUTED COMPUTING  
ENVIRONMENT," Novaes et al., Serial No. 09/584,481, filed herewith;

"SYNCHRONOUS REPLICATION OF TRANSACTIONS IN A DISTRIBUTED  
SYSTEM," Novaes et al., Serial No. 09/583,370, filed herewith; and

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On the second page of the application, replace the first paragraph having blanks (i.e.,  
lines 1-3) with the following:

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"METHOD, SYSTEM AND PROGRAM PRODUCTS FOR MANAGING A  
CLUSTERED COMPUTING ENVIRONMENT," Novaes et al., Serial No. 09/583,677, filed  
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In the Claims:

Please add the following new claims:

7. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the comparing comprises comparing a  
sequence number of the prospective member with a sequence number of the processing  
group.

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8. (New) The method of claim 7, wherein the sequence number of the  
prospective member is less than the sequence number of the processing group, and wherein  
the updating comprises updating the sequence number of the prospective member with the  
sequence number of the processing group.

9. (New) The method of claim 8, further comprising determining an activity  
status of the processing group prior to the updating, wherein updating the sequence number  
of the prospective member comprises updating if the processing group is active.